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We sincerely regret the announcement of the resignation of Editor Fitzgerald, of the DeSoto County News. He was doing some excellent work on that excellent paper, and has doubtless in view a larger field of usefulness.

You cannot secure a copy of that Governor's Message "bound in boards" now. It has been withdrawn from the market; but, 'tis said, a new edition is being gotten out. There are copies of the first edition stored away, but you waited too late; you can't get one now. See!

The Florida press is unanimously praising the proprietors of the Live Oak Democrat, whose plant was destroyed by fire last week, and whose energy and enterprise enabled them to continue the publication of their excellent daily and weekly newspapers without losing an issue. The concern is to be incorporated, and an entirely new plant has been ordered.

Encouraged, perhaps, by Governor Broward's appointment of a woman as clerk of the circuit court in one of the eastern counties, friends of a very popular lady in Duval county are urging her appointment as superintendent of the county schools. There is no official position in our governmental system so admirably adapted to the administration of a good and strong woman as that of school superintendent.

The Gainesville Sun says: "Florida is a great State for politics. We haven't got settled up with the old administrations of Governors Bloxham and Jennings before we have candidates bobbing up for the executive chair that Governor Broward has hardly had time to get warm." "General Gilchrist will show the people how to cook gubernatorial okra, and Captain Hillman will show them how to prepare executive potato pones. If they are not careful they will ruin the broth."

In noting the announcements for the State Senate in Leon county, the Bradenton Journal remarks that "the campaign will be a hard and bitter one, as there are two strong political factions in Leon county." The Journal has been misinformed. The vote will, of course, be divided, but only as between the majority—a large one—and the few who are adherents of the Jennings-Hilson State printing combination, already in discredit and disgrace throughout the entire State.

On Tuesday of this week enterprising and progressive Live Oak voted to bond for \$200,000 to make public improvements in that live and growing town. In a few years, at the pace she is now going, Live Oak will be one of the richest, prettiest and liveliest towns in Florida. She must be brimfull of live, enterprising, pushing citizens, who take pride and interest in any and everything which will build up and help business enterprises along all lines. Many other Florida towns might be benefited by following Live Oak's example.

Again, we would remind our readers that The True Democrat, in following up the "surface indications" of wrongdoing on the part of public officials, has confined itself almost exclusively to matters of public record; that it has simply pointed the way to the evidence; that it is neither judge, jury, prosecuting officer nor investigating committee, and that in what it has done and said, or may do or say in future, it simply assumes and occupies the rightful position of the public press in relation to all of these matters, viz: a sentinel on the watch-tower, attempting to guard the interests of the people.

The Gainesville Sun claims the credit of having first proposed the name of Senator Crill for the office of Governor, and the Palatka News acknowledges the Sun's claim, and says:

"In seconding such a sensible motion the Palatka News feels that there is honor enough for one quadrennium. Indeed, as with Schley at Santiago, it believes there is honor enough in the name of Crill to reflect glory upon the entire press of the State, and give every mother's son of us a feeling of satisfaction such as can only come from a knowledge of duty well performed."

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STICKING TO THE TEXT.

Our loquacious and pugnacious Lake City contemporary appears to be still quite dissatisfied with us, apparently because it cannot induce or browbeat us into saying exactly what it wants us to say, in precisely the way it wishes us to say it, in order that it may make use of some sort of terrifically crushing answer that it has prepared, or has in mind, to the thing which it so assiduously desires us to say; the expected result of this ingenious combination being our utter and permanent annihilation.

We have already devoted altogether too much time and space to the muddled vagaries of our fat friend, and have half a mind to take no more notice of his vapors; but, since we do not wish to appear so discourteous to a brother editor, even under great provocation, we will dispose of the alleged controversy by remarking, once for all, that we are conducting The True Democrat according to our own ideas, and shall not endeavor to do so according to his.

So far as the subject-matter of the controversy is concerned, that has been disposed of long ago. We have, from time to time, submitted to the attention and judgment of our readers certain facts—mostly, if not wholly, matters of public record—which we believed the public ought to know, and would be glad to know, concerning transactions connected with the conduct of the State's business, and which, to us, spelled that ugly word "graft." With a single other exception—which we mentioned last week—the Lake City newspaper is the only one in the State that has undertaken to deny anything we have said. Its methods of denial, by inference and circumlocution rather than by the records which we cite and rely upon for our authority, demonstrate the utter weakness of its position as the self-appointed champion of those whose public acts have been criticised.

Until the Index—or some other—shall deny the truthfulness of what we have said, and cite authority for such denial as worthy of consideration as the public records to which we have referred as our authority, there can be no further occasion for multiplying words upon the subject, and we shall devote our attention and space to more important matters.

VALUE A LIVE NEWSPAPER.

That was a tribute to the value of a newspaper, as well as to the publishers, which was shown by the business men of Live Oak to the Daily Democrat of that town, when, twenty-four hours after the printing house had been burned, these business men raised \$15,000, formed a stock company and put the publishers and editors in charge of a new office to be started at once. This reminds us of how, in the spring of 1884, the Orlando Reporter, then published by Mahlon Gore, who is still a resident of our city, was burned out of house and home. And when Mr Gore returned from a hasty trip to Sanford, where he had gone in his extremity to have his paper published, he was met at the train by a delegation of Orlando business men and the wherewithal was placed in his hands to build a new office, and new subscriptions, paid in advance, were given to enable him to continue publishing the best paper Orlando ever had, and has, to this blessed day. Such noble deeds as these renew one's faith in old humanity, notwithstanding that here and there are to be found a few unresponsive, short-sighted merchants who are so afflicted with astrigent purses that they don't know the value of a live home paper.—Orlando Daily Reporter.

It would probably have been in good taste for Governor Broward not to have named any of the judicial officers of the State on his staff, in at least a semi-military capacity. There is of course nothing wrong in it, but it would seem smoother and more democratic not to mix the judiciary and the military branches of the government, to refrain from having the functions of these departments discharged by the same men. It is probably up to this date a mere matter of taste.—Tampa Times.

The only "judicial officer" on the general staff of Governor Broward is Judge Shaylor, judge advocate-general. That place should always be filled by some one "learned in the law," but not necessarily a "judicial officer." Col. MacWilliams, quartermaster-general, is a lawyer, and has been one of the most useful officers of the staff. Four lawyers enjoy the distinction of aide-de-camps, but none of these are "judicial officers."

For Sale.

A medium-sized second-hand boiler, with equipments, for sale cheap. Apply at this office, or at Leon Hotel, and see it. 31-tf

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CLAUDE L'ENGLE'S SUN.

"Volume 1, No. 1," of "The Sun," Claude L'Engle's new paper, appeared on time on the 18th instant, and created the sensation that was expected. It is a handsomely-printed 16-page quarto, chock full of good things. Its first page was illuminated with a representation of the sun in brilliant yellow, and a cartoon in yellow and black, representing the public eye marred by an irritant in the shape of a pebble labeled "graft," with inscriptions thereon referring to "high finance" and other evils.

The chief feature of the issue is a well-written and exhaustive article on "The Pardoning of Criminals" by Governor Broward, reviewing some recent transactions of the State Pardoning Board, in which he pays his respects to the newspapers as follows:

To be the editor of a newspaper is to occupy a position that is supposed, or ought to be, a high and lofty one; and the editor ought to give expression to a high public sentiment upon a higher plane, if the plane is not already high. We are afflicted with a sprinkling of editors who sell editorial for so much an inch, sentiment thrown in. Some of our people are not aware of this, and take for granted that the writings of such scribblers are founded on fact, that they are the writings of some wise man—wiser than themselves. Did the people know that these newspaper writers did not investigate the matter of which they write at all, they would not be so credulous.

If there are any Florida editors "who sell editorial for so much an inch," the remarks of Governor Broward concerning them are altogether too mild. Summary expulsion from the ranks of the profession would be too gentle a punishment to fit the crime with which Governor Broward charges them. And if he knows of any such he should, in the interest of clean methods and public decency, make known their names and furnish the evidence upon which to condemn them.

MANY INQUIRIES.

So many inquiries are directed to the True Democrat by prospective settlers or homeseekers concerning conditions existing in this part of the country, and the burden of correspondence entailed thereby has become so heavy that we have attempted, in the descriptive article found in this issue, to summarize such information as is most important, and to answer the questions most frequently asked. It is hoped by this means that a sample copy of the paper, of which a large number have been sent out, will, in most cases, serve the purpose intended better than a personal letter. Specific information may be obtained by writing to any of the real estate or other firms whose advertisements appear in this paper; and the best way to become familiar with local conditions, progress, industries and current happenings, while contemplating removing to this section, is through reading The True Democrat, one of the best newspapers this section ever had, at \$1.00 per year, in advance.

R. S. V. P.

From several entirely distinct and widely separated sources has recently reached us the exceedingly pointed and pertinent inquiry, "Where did he get it?" Meaning, of course, the money that ex-Governor Jennings is known to have expended and invested as his own since his election five short years ago, when he was, to all intents and purposes, by his own admission, practically a pauper. Thousands upon thousands of dollars spent in a foolish and fruitless senatorial campaign, other thousands in family trips to the Pacific coast and to Yellowstone National park; still others in the enjoyment of costly travel in other directions; besides his reputed large investments in stock of the "million-dollar bank" and an expensive private residence in Jacksonville, and in various naval stores enterprises there and elsewhere.

And all this on a salary of \$3,500 for four years!

It almost beats the State printer's "high finance" to a stand-still.

We take pleasure in passing the query along, but we feel quite safe in assuring our readers that there will never be an answer to it.

Perhaps the editor of the Lake City Index can answer it.

Croup.

A reliable medicine, and one that should always be kept in the home for immediate use is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will prevent the attack if given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears. For sale by all druggists.

A Creeping Death.

Blood poison creeps up towards the heart, causing death. J. E. Stearns, Belle Plaine, Minn., writes that a friend swelled up like blood poison. Bucklen's Arnica Salve drew out the poison, healed the wound and saved his life. Best in the world for burns and sores. 25c. at all drug stores.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

You just can't give thanks if you are worried and tired out with getting ready to do so. You can't be peaceful at dinner time if you are irritable in the kitchen five minutes before. You can't welcome guests with a serene brow if you are doing twice as much extra work as you have strength, health or time for.

Thanksgiving is really the most wholesome and delightful festival of the year. It is distinctly our own. We Americans have originated it, and we ought to be proud of it, yet most of us are doing much to spoil it with overzeal. We have too long dinners, too elaborate decorations, too much house-cleaning before and after. We are cumbered with too much care. And so the day which should be thrilling with tender memories, joyous with a sense of remembered blessings, peaceful with a surety of forgotten ills, and prophetic of gladness because of courage and comfort, because of hope, is just a weariness of the flesh. We drop exhausted into our chair for dinner and are glad to say good-bye to the dear, long-expected guests.

It is partly vanity that makes us overdo this delightful festival. We think we are sacrificing ourselves to give others happiness, but, in point of fact, we are straining to create an effect. We do love to welcome our friends, but also we do want them to have the most elaborate dinner and to see the prettiest dining room in town, and what they remember longest is just that the hostess looked ill and that all the family seemed out of sorts. So it isn't worth it.

Real hospitality is in what the hostess gives of herself, not what she gives of her substance. Do things simply and have a good time yourself, dear Thanksgiving mother or aunt or sister. Have fewer courses and more smiles. Who is so base a materialist that he wouldn't give up a chicken pie for a cheerful hostess?

At the very start, don't wear yourself out cleaning house and getting ready. You have got to clean up after Thanksgiving, so why bother before? Just have the house brushed and dusted as you would any week. If the carpet and wood-work need a little brightening, wipe them over with warm borax water, a teaspoonful of borax to a basin of water. A few minutes will do a room, without scrubbing or rubbing or fatigue. Fill a pan with boiling water, add half a small cup of borax dissolved. Leave the silver in the water ten minutes, rinse in boiling water and then dry first with a towel, next with chamois.—Mrs. Nellie Gray, in Metropolis.

HERE'S ANOTHER.

We must beg Appleyard's pardon. We innocently assumed that there could not possibly be such another as he in the entire State. We were mistaken. Witness the following, from the Plant City Courier:

While we very much admire the spirit of fearlessness displayed by the editor of The True Democrat, we think him entirely too strong in his prejudices—so strong, in fact, that he allows his prejudices sometimes to lead him into error. The editor of the Courier did not support Governor Jennings in his candidacy for United States Senator, nor did we always agree with him while governor, or since his term expired, but we believe in giving even the devil his dues; and, in all fairness, we must say that Governor Jennings gave the State of Florida one of the best administrations it ever had. The editor of The True Democrat is devoting all his time and attention, it seems, in trying to find something rotten in Mr. Jennings' administration of some threatened wrongdoing in Governor Broward's policy of government. There is nothing to be gained by criticising an administration that has already passed into history, especially so far as it relates to a man who has retired from politics. The mill will never be turned with the water that has passed.

There is an old saying to the effect that none is so blind as he who refuses to see. It applies in this particular case. The Florida editor who, at this date, avers his belief that the Jennings administration was "one of the best Florida ever had," is either hopelessly ignorant of the current history of the State, or is wilfully shutting his eyes to palpable truths.

The True Democrat has directed public attention to facts which appear of record, citing its authorities and leaving the formation of judgment thereon to its readers. If this has failed to convince, it is not our fault. Some would refuse to be convinced, perhaps, upon any kind of evidence. With these we are not disposed to quarrel. There are plenty who see.

Lost or Strayed.

Saturday morning, from my residence in this city, a medium sized black Jersey cow, with little white streak on back, crumpled horns. A reward will be paid for her delivery. W. H. Powell.

Panacea Springs News Notes.

There are more wild ducks, geese and turkeys at Panacea this season than ever before. Geese were killed last week from the bath house wharf. Two wild turkeys and a number of ducks were brought in by guests of the hotel.

Mr. Dan Hinson, of Gadsden county, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Hinson, Mrs. Trice and little Nat and Mabel Walker sat on the wharf and caught over fifty pounds of Red fish one forenoon.

Mr. "Bud" Smith of Decatur county, Ga., has just completed a handsome cottage on his lot south of the hotel.

Capt. Wilson has gotten his gasoline launch to going.

Manager Trice of the hotel is putting an up to date seven horse engine in his launch, which will make her the fastest boat on this coast.

The tram road has been repaired and a new enclosed car put on. It is also fitted with spring seats and comfortable cushions.

The fishermen have all left the bay to the fish and the fish warden. It is said Hon. "Bob" Raker will test the constitutionality of the fish law, and Manager Trice of the hotel will put the hunting license tax on the rack in the courts.

A Site for That Mansion.

Just as we are about to go to press there is a rumor going the rounds to the effect that a suitable site has been offered which will be acceptable to the Governor's mansion commission, and that before long preliminary steps will be taken to close up the matter and begin the work of constructing a commodious and attractive home for our present Chief Executive and future Governors. Mr. George W. Saxon, the rumor says, is entitled to most of the credit in this last movement, which it seems will result in securing the mansion. We will get and furnish further particulars in next issue.

Recent Property Sales.

Mr. J. P. S. Houstoun has purchased the Hancock stables.

The Gilmore & Davis Co. yesterday purchased the Durr brick works at Ocklockonee.

Mr. C. T. Hancock yesterday purchased the Hazzard place, one mile out on the St. Augustine road.

Sluggish Liver a Foe to Ambition.

You cannot accomplish very much if your liver is inactive, as you feel dull, your eyes are heavy, and slight exertion exhausts you. Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup stimulates the liver and bowels and makes you feel bright and active. Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup does not nauseate or gripe and is mild and very pleasant to take. Orino is more effective than pills or ordinary cathartics. Refuse substitute. For sale by all druggists.

Pirating Foley's Honey and Tar.

Foley & Co., Chicago, originated Honey and Tar as a throat and lung remedy, and, on account of the great merit and popularity of Foley's Honey and Tar, many imitations are offered for the genuine. These worthless imitations have similar sounding names. Beware of them. The genuine Foley's Honey and Tar is in a yellow package. Ask for it and refuse any substitute. It is the best remedy for coughs and colds. For sale by all druggists.

The great Florida State Fair, now in progress at Tampa, is pronounced by thousands of visitors to be the grandest fair ever held by any State in the Union. The second week of the fair opened Monday, and since that day the attendance has been constantly swelling, owing to the many special attractions offered the public. The big crowds are being taken care of in an excellent manner, hundreds finding accommodations in private homes as well as in the scores of hotels and boarding houses operating in Tampa during the tourist season.

Neuralgia Pains.

Rheumatism, lumbago and sciatic pains yield to the penetrating influence of Ballard's Snow Liniment.

It penetrates to the nerves and bone, and being absorbed into the blood, its healing properties are conveyed to every part of the body, and effect some wonderful cures. 25c., 50c. and \$1.00. For sale by all druggists.

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Account

**Thanksgiving
Dinner and Ball.**

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Lanark Inn,
Nov. 30th, 1905.**

ROUND TRIP RATES.

From.	Rate.	Train Leaves.
Havana	\$1.85	12:10 p. m.
Tallahassee	1.50	2:00 p. m.
Arran	1.50	2:50 p. m.

Tickets on sale Nov. 30th, final limit for return Sunday Dec. 2, 1905.